

49-53 Ward Street
(Commercial Building)
Paterson
Passaic County
New Jersey

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey	COUNTY Passaic	TOWN OR VICINITY Paterson
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Unknown		HABS NO. NJ- 944
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Unknown		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 49-53 Ward Street (Commercial Building)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1924 (stylistic evidence; Paterson, p. 933)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This typical early twentieth century commercial block contributes to the Downtown Commercial Historic District by linking two architecturally distinguished buildings and creating a unified streetscape opposite the First Presbyterian Church.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) None		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) This building has a concrete foundation, brick, load-bearing exterior walls, a steel truss roof, and wood framed interior partitions. The roof of the addition is supported on cylindrical masonry columns.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See pages 3 and 4.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The main facade, clad in buff brick, contains a series of display windows on the first story, interrupted by five recessed doorways to the retail space. A third door, framed by sidelights and a fixed transom, is situated at the extreme east end and provides access to the second story. On the second story the main facade is articulated into three bays by groupings of four one/one sash windows. The facade is unified by cast stone ornamentation, including a continuous stepped parapet, string courses, corner blocks, and relief panels.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See pages 3 and 4. The interior is plain, and the main space is free of structural columns. Columns in the addition are faced with wood slats.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES A single story addition, built c. 1950, adjoins the north facade.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant. The building was demolished on October 28, 1987.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The building has housed a variety of commercial and professional activities. Based on Photograph 2 and listings in commercial directories, occupants during the 1920s included a paint merchant, a piano merchant, a barber, an undertaker, a tailor, an architect, and a dentist.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Paterson, Haledon, Hawthorne and Prospect Park Directory. Newark, New Jersey: The Price & Lee Company, 1925.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Richard Meyer, John Milner Associates, Inc.		DATE November 1987

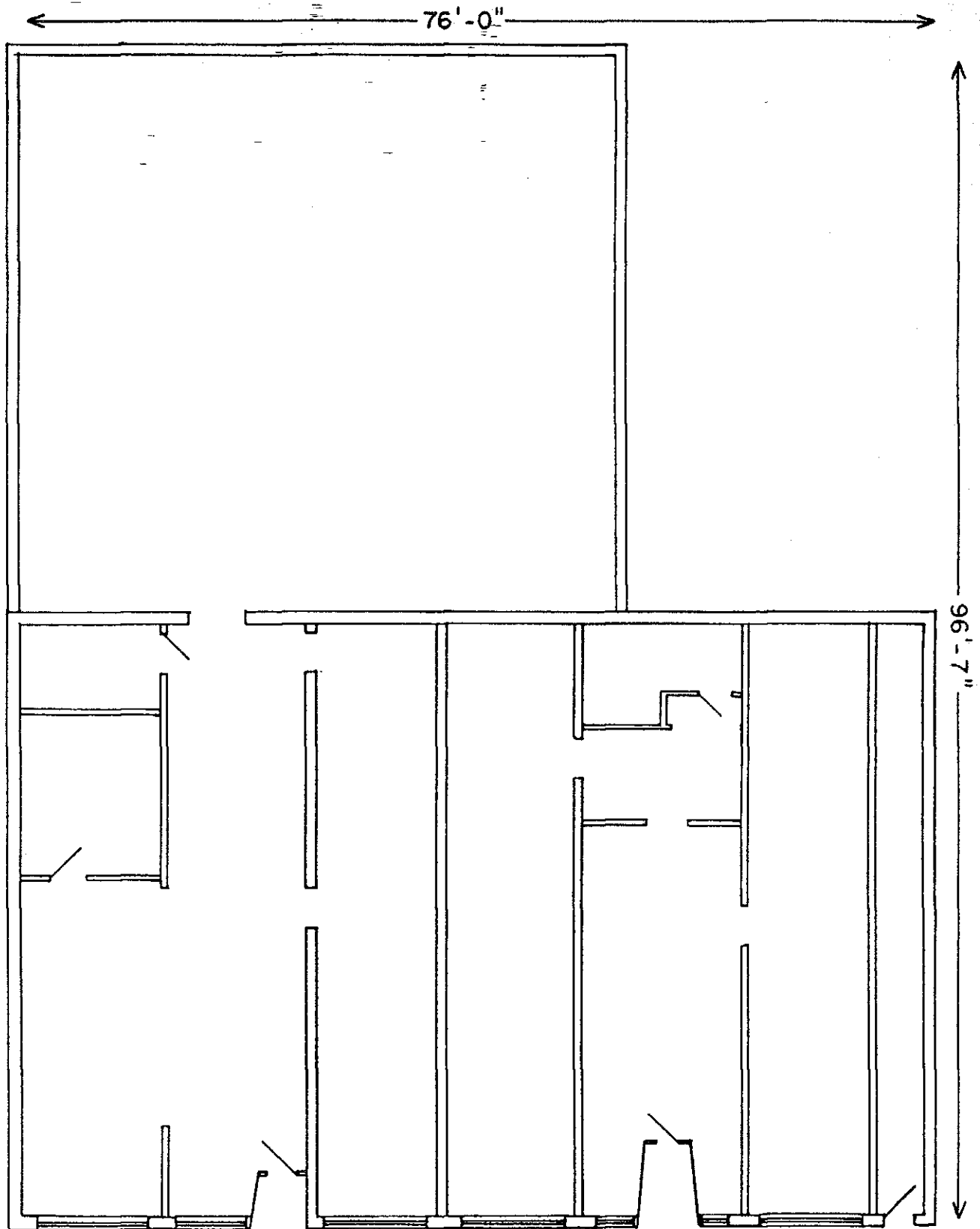
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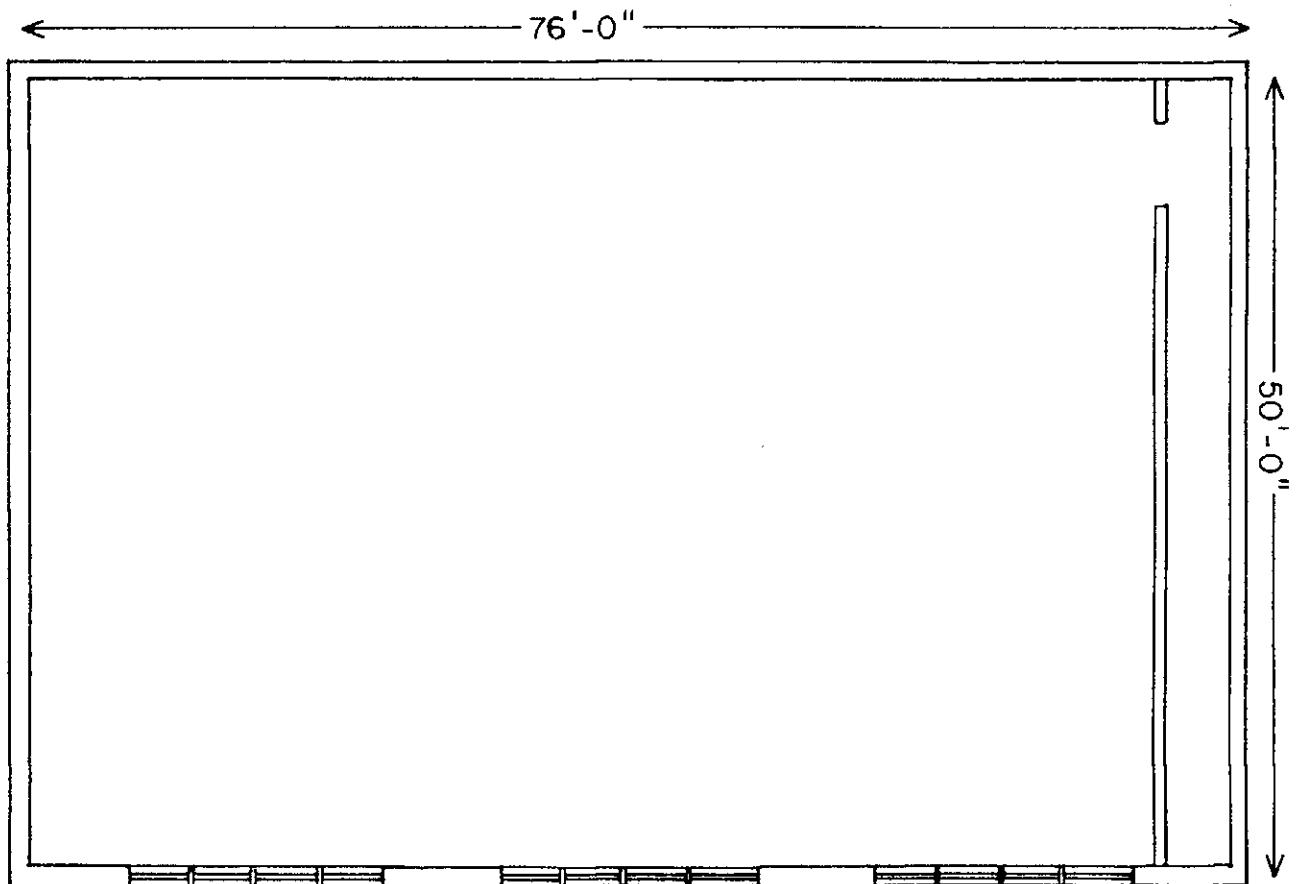


LOCATION MAP

Paterson, New Jersey Quadrangle
7.5 Minute Series 1981







49-53 Ward Street 2nd Floor